

SENATE RECORD VOTE ANALYSIS

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TELECOMMUNICATIONS/Cloture

SUBJECT: Telecommunications Competition and Deregulation Act of 1995 . . . S. 652. Lott motion to close debate.

ACTION: CLOTURE MOTION AGREED TO, 89-11

SYNOPSIS: As reported, S. 652, the Telecommunications Competition and Deregulation Act of 1995, will amend telecommunications laws and reduce regulations in order to promote competition in the telecommunications industry by eliminating barriers that prevent telephone companies, cable companies, and broadcasters from entering one another's markets. It will also permit electric utilities to enter the cable and telephone markets. Judicial control of telecommunications policy, including the "Modified Final Judgment" regime, will be terminated.

On June 12, Senator Lott sent to the desk, for himself and others, a motion to close debate on the bill.

NOTE: The motion to invoke cloture requires a three-fifths majority (60) vote to succeed.

Those favoring the motion to invoke cloture contended:

The issues that are covered by this bill are varied and complex. Over the past several days the Senate has made very good progress in resolving some of the issues that are in contention. This progress has brought the Senate to the point at which it should begin planning for the completion of this bill. We know that many Senators have suggested that they may offer further amendments; we need to know how many of those amendments will actually be offered, and we need to know the subjects of those amendments. After days of debate, Senators are familiar with the issues, and if they actually have amendments they should have drafted them by now. Invoking cloture will force Senators who wish to offer amendments to file them so that other Senators may examine them. The Senate will then be able to consider and dispose of any remaining amendments. Some Senators may prefer delay for delay's sake, but no Senator can suggest that he or she has been foreclosed from offering amendments. This bill has been, and is, bipartisan; in that spirit, we urge our colleagues to join us in invoking cloture.

(See other side)

YEAS (89)				NAYS (11)		NOT VOTING (0)	
Republican (54 or 100%)		Democrats (35 or 76%)		Republicans (0 or 0%)	Democrats (11 or 24%)	Republicans (0)	Democrats (0)
Abraham	Hutchison	Akaka	Inouye		Bradley		
Ashcroft	Inhofe	Baucus	Johnston		Bumpers		
Bennett	Jeffords	Biden	Kennedy		Byrd		
Bond	Kassebaum	Bingaman	Kerry		Conrad		
Brown	Kempthorne	Boxer	Kohl		Dorgan		
Burns	Kyl	Breaux	Leahy		Feingold		
Campbell	Lott	Bryan	Lieberman		Kerrey		
Chafee	Lugar	Daschle	Mikulski		Lautenberg		
Coats	Mack	Dodd	Moseley-Braun		Levin		
Cochran	McCain	Exon	Moynihan		Simon		
Cohen	McConnell	Feinstein	Murray		Wellstone		
Coverdell	Murkowski	Ford	Nunn				
Craig	Nickles	Glenn	Pell				
D'Amato	Packwood	Graham	Pryor				
DeWine	Pressler	Harkin	Reid				
Dole	Roth	Heflin	Robb				
Domenici	Santorum	Hollings	Rockefeller				
Faircloth	Shelby		Sarbanes				
Frist	Simpson						
Gorton	Smith						
Gramm	Snowe						
Grams	Specter						
Grassley	Stevens						
Gregg	Thomas						
Hatch	Thompson						
Hatfield	Thurmond						
Helms	Warner						

EXPLANATION OF ABSENCE:

- 1—Official Business
- 2—Necessarily Absent
- 3—Illness
- 4—Other

SYMBOLS:

- AY—Announced Yea
- AN—Announced Nay
- PY—Paired Yea
- PN—Paired Nay

No arguments were expressed in opposition to the motion to invoke cloture.